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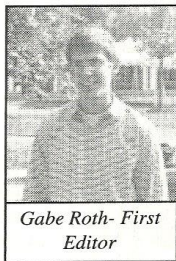
MBA Junior School

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Top of the Hill Celebrates Fifth Year

By Ted Tywang

Can you imagine the MBA Junior School without *Top of the Hill*? I know, I know, the mere thought of it makes one shudder, but up until four years ago there was no Junior School newspaper. Just imagine! I mean, it's like having tortilla chips with no salsa! Like a shrimp cocktail without cocktail sauce. Okay, okay, you get the idea. The point is *Top of the Hill* is now a major part of the MBA Junior School experience. As the editor of this esteemed periodical, I look up to certain people who have a history with *Top of the Hill*. Gabe Roth, a current senior at MBA, is one such person. Gabe was the



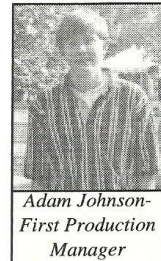
Gabe Roth- First Editor

first editor of *Top of the Hill*. I recently talked with him about what it was like that first year.

Gabe said that first they had to come up with a name for the new paper, so

Little Bell, and Major Test Tuesday. Jonas Rodriguez won a large bag of M&Ms for his entry, *Top of the Hill*, which was voted the favorite. According to Gabe, producing the first issues of *Top of the Hill* was a very hectic process. The small, dedicated, but sometimes disorganized staff didn't yet understand the concept of deadlines. Consequently, Gabe found himself writing a lot

of filler articles. Once, he even wrote someone else's article about an interview with himself. Adam Johnson designed the logo and learned how to lay out the paper. They had no pictures in the first issue, but



Adam Johnson- First Production Manager

Adam later figured out how to use the MBA seal as a graphic design to fill up space.

Gabe, Adam, Mr. Small, and

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Camp Laney: A Huge Success for 7th Grade

The trip helped everyone get to know each other, and it was a lot of fun.

Mrs. Thurmond Speaks:

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Thurmonator II

By Alex Komisar

Everyone knows Mr. Thurmond, the new Director of the Junior School. Although he makes his very difficult job look easy, always joking around with the kids and making everyone feel great, he has some pretty big shoes to fill. His mother, Mrs. Thurmond, Director of the Junior School for seven years, retired just last year. Mr. Thurmond, who used to



Mr. Peter Thurmond

stepped in right where his mom left off. I recently had a chance to talk with him.

I asked him what it was like being the Head of the Junior School. He said that it's a lot of fun because the faculty is great and also because he likes working with 188 students. Mr. Thurmond coached many successful football teams at BGA, and I asked him if he missed coaching football. He said, "Not really because although my favorite sport is football, what I enjoyed most about coach-

ing was the camaraderie of the team, and I

get that at MBA with the kids and faculty. Mr. Thurmond also said that stepping in for his mother as director wasn't as big a deal as everyone made it out to be because he had always been around his mother and her teaching. In fact, Mr. Thurmond attended

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Top of the Hill: Its Fifth Year of Fun Continued

Mrs. Bourland crowded around the computer in the conference room behind Mrs. Thurmond's office and stuck with the job until it was finished. Then Mrs. Bourland rushed to run off copies, twenty at a time, as Gabe stood outside the faculty room door ready to distribute the first issue, all two pages of it.

So, did being editor-in-chief of *Top of the Hill* help Gabe? You tell me. He

is currently the editor-in-chief of the *Bell Ringer*, the renowned high school paper. (second only to *Top of the Hill*, of course!) Gabe is also applying to such prestigious schools as Penn, Columbia, Brown, and Washington University. So hats off to you, Gabe Roth, as well as to Adam Johnson and all the other editors and production managers, Jon Hampton, Josh Rosenblatt, Deke Shearon, Peter Callister, Andrew Quinn, and Vamsi Gaddipati. As we enjoy the new, spacious publications room and note that

there is now standing room only at the *Top of the Hill* meetings, we know that these wonderful new benefits are the results of your combined efforts over the last four years. *Top of the Hill* and the new publications room are your legacy to MBA. Thanks!

**You Can Make A Difference:
Remember to bring in toiletries to
the yellow bin in the Ball Building!**

Laney '99

On Sunday, September 26, the seventh grade class again spent three days of fun in Mentone, Alabama at Camp Laney. They returned on Tuesday, the 28th exhausted but exhilarated.

Some remember

"It wasn't just fun to do the trapeze or zip line but to see someone who was scared turn away from his fear and go for it." -Jake Wright

"When it was my turn to try the trapeze, I climbed the ladder and passed the log everyone held on to. I thought it would make me look cool. That was a big mistake. Slowly and carefully, I eased along the long slippery round beam. Then I lost my balance and started to fall backwards. Quickly I pivoted on one foot and without looking, I jumped. Gracefully I fell and grabbed the trapeze, but I didn't do any stunts because I was too scared." -Davis Martin

"One of the most outrageous things in the camp was building the boat with my

bunk "Bear Shack" in a race of time, paddling across the open river. Bunk 4 finished with eight people in 17:53. It was a rush!" -Philip Robinson

"I remember that card tricks were extremely popular in our cabin, and

started a basketball game and others joined in, and eventually we had a well-constructed basketball game with full subs going in every five minutes on each team."

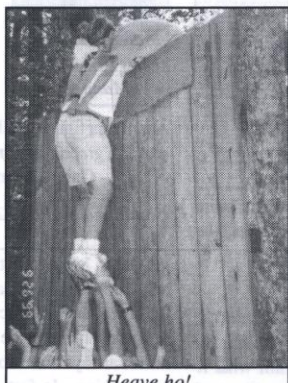
-Brents Herron

"If I were told to write about my one goal it would be that I wanted to climb the "nose." After trying and almost making it several times I took a break until lunch. After lunch I decided to try the climb again. I

climbed quickly at the

start, but I soon came to the same place. Then with a sudden urge, I shot out my

hand toward the hand hold and reached it! I pulled myself up and finished the climb." -Jordon Waldo



Heave ho!



Good morning, gorgeous!

Trip Rebrovick showed us one that I still can't believe.

Alex Lamballe and I



Now, that's what I call high quality H₂O!

were the pinball champions, but we never got to play each other in a fair game. The only bad memory I have was my encounter with a tree. I was on the Bonsai, and

when I jumped off of the log, the rope got caught on one of the staples on a tree, and I swung right into a post." -Jed Crumbo

"Something that surprised me was the cooperation of everyone. Some people

"The first thing my team decided was that we needed a boat plan, so we all submitted designs and put them to a vote. My design was picked so

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Sega's Dream Machine

By Alex Juskiewicz

Yes, the Dreamcast, Sega's last chance in the video game universe. I know you might be saying, "Oh that thing. It's gonna flop like the rest of 'em Sega's put out in the last few years," and I understand you completely, being one of the unfortunate owners of the Sega Saturn. But my friends, I'm here to shed some light on the subject, also being a fortunate owner of the Dreamcast.

Now for a little background, the Dreamcast is the first 128-bit system on the market with tons of new hardware to make it a lightning fast game play experience. The guts of the Dreamcast consist of the Yamaha audio engine, 26 megabytes of RAM, Double Density GD-ROM, and a 56k modem. All this junk means that the Dreamcast is the fastest and best-sounding game system, and it has the best graphics console

gaming system yet.

You may think, "a modem?" That's right, later in the life of the Dreamcast you will be able to play your best friend Billy Bob in Seattle in a little round of your favorite fighting game. That's not all the Dreamcast has going for it either. The Dreamcast boasts a huge lineup of games, many of which are exclusive to the Dreamcast, such as Soul Edge, Sega Rally 2, House of the Dead 2, and a personal favorite of some of ours at *Top of the Hill*, SEGA BASS FISHING!!!!

I haven't even said a word about



The Sega Bass Fishing Rod

the peripherals. The memory card of the Dreamcast (VMU), which you save your games on, has a little screen on it. You can use this and the tiny little buttons to play a

mini game, downloadable from most games, which often advances your status in the real game. Also compatible with the Dreamcast, are the light gun (good to blast zombies with), the jump pack (to feel the jolt of battle), the keyboard (mainly for internet users), various joysticks and racing wheels (pretty self explanatory), and the SEGA FISHING REEL (need I say more?).

I know, I know, "well I'm gonna wait till the new Playstation and Nintendo comes out with DVD's." I don't blame you. Why set yourself back around 200 bucks now when you could spend around \$375 a year from now? I happened to be very lucky that my birthday fell on the same day as the launch of the Dreamcast, so I was able to get my mitts on one.

Well that's it. There's nothing I can do to make you go buy Sega's "Dream machine," but I can inform you. All I can say is don't hesitate to buy the Dreamcast because you think it's gonna flop and there aren't any good games. If anyone has questions concerning the Dreamcast or other stuff like it, feel free to ask. But I can only give you my opinion.

Mr. Smith Goes to Honor Council

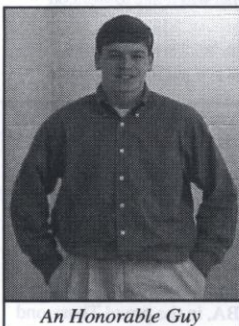
By Christopher Schuller

Matt Smith is the eighth-grade representative on MBA's honor council. Several weeks ago, I cornered Matt, and he talked with me about life in general, but mostly about how it feels to be a member of the Honor Council.

For those of you who remember, Matt Smith whopped the opposition in May of '99 to win his seat, the only one in the Junior School.

Christopher: What are the responsibilities of our representative?

Matt: I believe that every Honor Council



An Honorable Guy

member has two responsibilities: to uphold the Honor Code himself and thereby serve as an example to

others, and to counsel students who break the Honor Code.

Christopher: Tell us, Matt, how does a

"...to uphold the Honor Code himself and thereby serve as an example to others..."

meeting operate?

Matt: While individual cases are kept strictly confidential, I'll tell you a little bit about the general procedure of an honor council meeting. First, the accuser, usually

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Mr. Smith Goes to Honor Council, Cont.

a teacher, comes before the council and presents their side of the story. At this time, the student is not present. Then, the one who has brought the case against the student leaves, and the student comes in, accompanied by his advisor. The student has a chance to relate his side of the story. It might

not seem to make much sense, you say, that the student isn't let in on what the teacher is saying, but the teacher has usually confronted the student and talked the matter over at length.

After both sides have presented their cases before the council, we start an informal deliberation. There isn't 'voting', but each member is given an opportunity

to voice his opinion about the case. When we've reached a decision, the student is brought back in with his advisor and the president of the council, Chris Camp, delivers the verdict.

Christopher: What's the hardest part of representing your class and, do you hope to serve throughout high school?

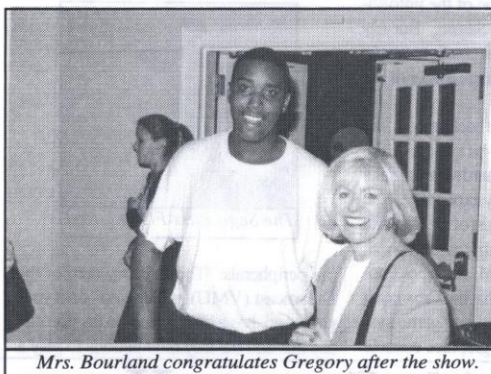
Matt: Well, the hardest part of being on the council is convicting classmates, but yes, I'm proud of my position and I hope to serve in high school.

Gregory McCord: "Born to Hand Jive"

By Alex Shofner

[Grease- n.- The wonderful cooking substance that you extract from bacon and other fattening foodstuffs]. Fortunately, that kind of grease is not the subject of this article. We all remember the 70's hit *Grease*, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, but MBA and Harpeth Hall will remember their school production of it.

I'm not sure what the high school focused on, but we eighth graders focused on Greg McCord in his role as a dancer and member of the chorus. We stared with envy as he whirled and twirled Amanda Norman, MBA's homecoming queen. He stole the show in the dance numbers, "Greased Lightning," "Born to Hand Jive," and "We Go Together." Here is an interview I



Mrs. Bourland congratulates Gregory after the show.

did with him:

Q: What was it like to work on *Grease*?

A: Fun, but it was hard work.

Q: Did you get stage fright on

opening night?

A: I got stage fright, but to handle it, I just looked past the audience into space.

Q: What was your favorite song?

A: "Born to Hand Jive", because I did a lot of dancing in it.

Q: What was the process for auditioning?

A: At first they got me to sing in front of the coreographer, the musical director, and the producer,

and then they called me back and got me to read from the script. After that, they got us to dance.

Q: How late did you stay up working on *Grease*?

A: Once we stayed up until 3 a.m., but all we were doing was taking pictures.

Q: Where did you rehearse?

A: The Harpeth Hall auditorium; it helped me to get used to an elevated stage.

Q: Which plays are you considering working on in the future?

A: Any musical that comes up at MBA.

Thurmonator II, Continued

Westminster School in Atlanta at the same time his mother was the dean there. When I asked Mr. Thurmond if he had ever gotten into serious trouble before, he cleverly replied, "Far too many times. I did everything you guys do, and some things you don't. My last question was how Mr. Thurmond

thought the year was going after the first quarter of school. He said, "I think it's going great. The eighth graders are showing great leadership, and the seventh graders are adapting well." He added, "and I think it's only going to get better." The junior school hopes Mr. Thurmond has a long and productive career at MBA, in the proud Thurmond tradition.

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Catherine Zeta Jones, Charlton Heston, and Dr. Fuller

By Charlie Pate

What do you get when you give swords to Charlton Heston, a pyromaniac red-neck, a little boy who has lost his mother, a farmer who rides a hog (no, not the motorcycle, a male pig), a mailman with post-nasal drip, several varieties of gangsters and "gangstas," an old lady who likes furs, and then assign them to a biblical play? You would get this quarter's 8th grade theater class. Under the direction of Dr. Fuller, the class bloomed into a fine company of actors. Of course there were exceptions.

Although only thirteen people were in the class, hundreds of personalities were produced by the creative thespians. Our first activity was to choose a hat and create a character who would wear that kind of hat. From this exercise

emerged Gilbert the Mailman who lives in the mail truck, T. Cody Stevenson, Jr. whose motto is "If we can't burn it, we can blow it up," and Little Timmy with a cowboy hat. There was Joey Mozzarella, and Dan Gift and Sam Macdonald's duo of "riders" or "gangstas" or "soldiers" or whatever the rap slang is now. With the cap of an endangered officer, Branch Howard made a composite of several characters in the movie *Forrest Gump* and called him Bubba Rump. No one really understood Bubba Rump.

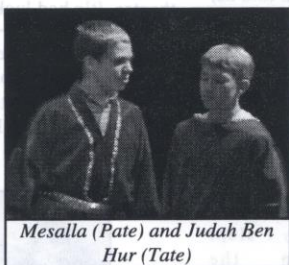
The class played multiple games of Freeze, in which two people could improvise a skit, and at any moment, someone in the audience could yell "Freeze!" The caller would assume the same position of one of the actors and then make a whole new scenario. This game

and everyone was fascinated by the prop swords and daggers.

Afterwards, was the fencing class. Each student had been training for fencing previously by watching *Mask of Zorro*, but Dr. Fuller assured us that real fencing was not like that. He was wrong. After only a few days of instruction from Coach Harris of the Nashville Fencing Academy, the whole class was doing back flips and each student managed to hold down the swords of six opponents with his own. Ted Tywang even took some forehead tennis swings at Sam Macdonald. Our training was complete except for one attribute the movie had that we didn't; Catherine Zeta Jones, Zorro's love interest, and the damsel that captured each student's heart. We were convinced that the champion of the tournament would win Catherine



Ben Hur cast and their chariots

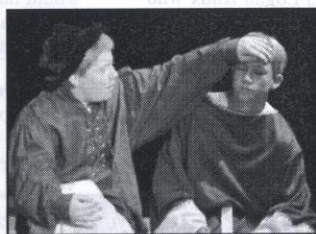


Mesalla (Pate) and Judah Ben Hur (Tate)

was designed to inspire creativity, but sometimes it failed. It got to the point where we had to tell Branch that if he got on all fours again he could not play anymore. Every game, Lee White ended up disco dancing, and then kung fu fighting.

There were some great laughs during this game.

Each student was assigned a Shakespearean soliloquy to act out and recite. We all learned a thing or two and had much more fun than we had anticipated. Dan Gift had his famous trouble with the pronunciation of the word "doth,"



Esther (Lee White) and Ben Hur (Tate) share a special moment

Zeta. However, when Charlie Pate did receive first place over Bailey Fish in second and Sam Macdonald in third, Catherine Zeta never showed. We concluded that she did not come because Pate did not crush Bailey with a bunch of golden bricks, ala *Mask of Zorro*.

Finally, the time came for a final project, a play that the class would perform. Charlie Pate and

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Ben Hur Continued

Taylor Tate were up to the challenge to fabricate such a play. They drafted a modified script of Ben-Hur and creatively gave each student his

role. Sam Macdonald, the most destructive and energetic person in the class, played Jesus, and Branch Howard, the second most destructive and energetic person in the class, played Pontius Pilate, the man who sentences Jesus to death. Taylor Tate up-staged Charlton Heston as Judah Ben-Hur, and Charlie Pate played his nemesis Messala. Judah's adopted father, Quintus Arrius was played by Ted Tywang, and Messala's right-hand man by Daniel Rosenblatt. Scene stealers were Lee White, Joseph Brandon, and Logan Knox who played Esther, Judah's woman, Mirian, Judah's mother, and



Consul Quintus Arrius (Ted Tywang) and Ben Hur (Tate)

Tirzah, Judah's sister, respectively. These brave actors played the women's roles and provided the biggest laughs.

During dress rehearsal, Lee approached Dr.

Fuller and told him, "Dr. Fuller, I need boobs." and Taylor Tate said, "Man, Logan is hot!" The curtains were raised for the one-performance-only production on October 28, 1999, during 5th period. In the famous chariot race scene, Messala and Ben-Hur were in front of the other racers, and Messala whipped Ben-Hur. Ben-Hur took the whip and gave Messala the Stone Cold Stunner to win the race. The audience had to use its imagination, but overall the play was a success. Will Tate said, "I would have paid money to see that play," and Mrs. Christeson told us, "You did a good job of cutting the

play but maintaining the plot." "I loved the stunner!" said Chris Lefferts. I cannot begin to thank those that gave us the other accolades after the play. If you missed it, don't worry, it will be out on video in December, and the Taylor Tate and Lee White dolls will be out in time for Christmas.

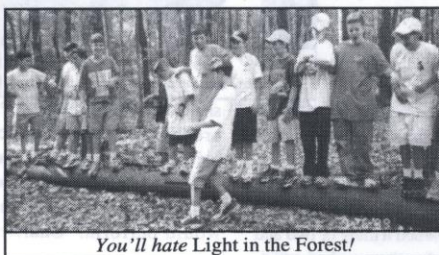
We learned a lot about how drama works and about putting a play together. Most of all we had fun. Shakespeare said, "The world is all a stage and all the men and women merely players." Taylor Tate said, "Man, Logan is hot!" I think Shakespeare Taylor Tate both

*"If we can't burn it,
we can blow it up."*

summed it up well. Thank you to Dr. Fuller, Coach Harris, the Nashville Fencing Academy, Catherine Zeta Jones, and the audience of Ben-Hur, which included many proud parents, and various students and teachers. And remember, don't say Macbeth in the theater. It's bad luck.

Laney '99 Continued

details, and an hour later, we finished. Our boat was called the Seawolf. In the race, we came in second to the Marro's Pyros, but the Pyro didn't live as long as their team wished it could because after the race, everyone attacked it, and there wasn't much left after that." -Lex Lechleiter



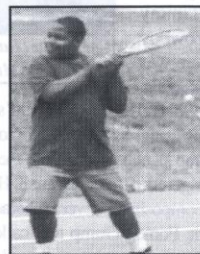
You'll hate Light in the Forest!

"One of the scariest things that I experienced was the last night in the cabin. The reason is that Clark Lundy had seen a Black

Widow near my bed, and so I slept on the ground with Clark because the spider had been near his bed, too. The next morning when I got up I was covered in sweat and

Craig said I had been shaking. I really did not like spiders before the trip and I really hate them now."

-Patrick Bradley



I love this game!

ENTERTAINMENT

The Pate and Tate Analysis of a Common Consumer Product

By Charlie Pate and Taylor Tate

Subject: Mountain Dew, Montanius Dewula. Manufacturer: Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, Somers, NY 10589.

To fully understand Mountain Dew, one must know the **terminology**.

Dew: Abbreviation for Mountain Dew.

Dew Craving: Usually occurring at night, especially during mid-week crises, and on weekends. **Symptoms:** Small amounts of aggressiveness and repetition of the phrase "Do the Dew," "Quinch-ch-ch-cher" and other quotes confusing the word "Dew" with "do." **Cure:** Drink Mountain Dew from a 12 ounce can or 20 ounce bottle. Under no circumstances drink Diet Mountain Dew, for it is the "Anti-Dew." If ingested, immediately repent.

Dew Buzz: Symptoms: Increased amounts of energy, creativity and desire to play loud music (ie. Ramstein's Duhaustnish) and video games (ie. Goldeneye).

Dew Run: Usually occurring late at night on weekends.

Description: A late-night trip to a merchant

Myth: Mellow Yellow is an equal substitute to Dew

of Dew (ie. Kroger or H.G. Hills for 12 packs, Mapco or Golden Gallon for 20 ounce or 1 liter bottles). Tips: If you do not have access to a car, not of age to drive a car, or do not have a strong enough Dew Craving to break the law, persuade a gullible parent or a slave older sibling to transport you to a merchant of Dew.

Recommended Dosage: With average cases, one 20 ounce Dew per three days should suffice. Make exception after strenuous weeks and after recreational events such as football games, etc. and during extreme Dew Cravings. In which case, get a 12 pack of Dew and a good friend. Never relieve a Dew Craving alone.

Warning: Over exposure to Dew may result in a loss of flavor for Dew. Under these circumstances, consider imbib-

Fact: Although pleasing to the taste buds, it pales in comparison to Dew concerning aspects of the cause of energetic behavior. We had to know for sure, so we enclosed a 12 ounce can of Mellow Yellow in a cage with a 12 ounce can of Mountain Dew. Results are mixed.

Myth: Dew lessens testicular circumference.

Fact: Dew has no effect on this region. We did not test this one.

Myth: You must be a wild, punk rock, snow boarder to enjoy Mountain Dew.

Fact: Contrary to the advertisements, you do not have to be a wild, punk rock, snow boarder to enjoy Mountain Dew.

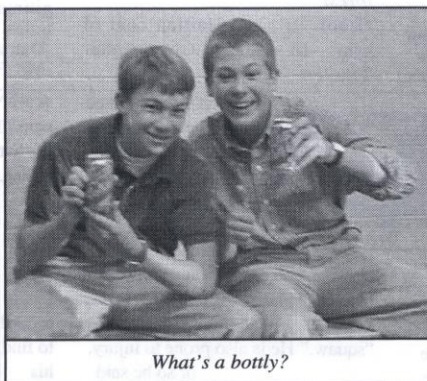
Pepsi Cola Bottling Company
Somers NY, 10589

Dear Pepsi Cola Bottling Company,
We enjoy consuming your carbonated beverage, Mountain Dew. In fact, we are writing an article about Mountain Dew in the community newspaper. We have experienced the effects of Dew, which include incredible bursts of energy

and creativity. Point in fact, we are both in the process of ingesting a 1 liter bottly* of Mountain Dew, now. The readers of our newspaper would very much like to know, what is it that puts the connoisseur of your potable in a state of temporary and philosophical euphoria?

Unfortunately, Pepsi did not honor us with a response.

* We are fully aware of this typographical error. In our Due haze, we found it incredibly funny.



What's a bottly?

ing nutritional beverages (ie. Gatorade, milk, or in extreme cases, water. Do not worry. The process of drinking water is antiquated but still in use).

Suggestions: Most prefer to drink Dew straight from the can or bottle. In case of a 2 or 3 liter bottle, pour in a large glass and proceed to chug. If hunger ensues, ingurgitate a cheesy snack (ie. Cheese Nips, if lack of Cheese Nips, Gold Fish will work as a sufficient substitute) or Krystals.

Citizen Misinformation about Dew: **Myth:** Mellow Yellow is an equal substitute to Dew.

ENTERTAINMENT

The "What?" Column

By The Inner Party

Originally, *The "What?" Column* was a collection of quotations to inspire the hearts of those on the Hill so they will eventually succumb to the Great Leader, not yet chosen by the Inner Party, who will lead the Hill into totalitarianistic pandemonium. Then we thought, "Why not just make it a funny collection of dumb stuff people have said?"

"He'll find them and he'll put them in his mouth." - *Harris Hornbuckle*
"Don't taste salt licks. They don't

taste good." - *Matt Smith*
"Shut up, Patten!" - *Mr. Woolsey*
"Lee and I do everything together!" - *Webb White, in anger*
"If you rub something for sixty seconds with a magnet, won't it become a magnet?" - *John Fredericks*

"Diane Sawyer is pretty hot for an old lady." - *Charles Webb*
"Is that the Colonel? And is his wife Mrs. Winners?" - *Chris Woolsey, while looking at the Jack Massey plaque in Massey Foyer.*
"Where is the Black Market?" - *Logan Knox*

"Still, there's lots of rain forests left, like, in Alaska!" - *Eric Hill, debating preservation of the rain forest*
"Look! It's the Haitian coat of arms--In neon!" - *Christopher Schuller*

The Dan Gift Section

"Don't we want Hurricane Floyd to hit us?"

(In the bathroom) "What are you guys doing in here?"

"Is *the* a word?"

"I'm smashing atoms. I just ate an atom!"

"Are people left handed in the Northern Hemisphere and right handed in the Southern Hemisphere?"

(While discussing the PSAT practice test)

-Mr. Popovich: "Claudio rebuffed entreaties by both sides."

-Dan: "Claudio? Isn't he that Cuban guy? Castroff?"

-Mr. Popovich: "No, you're thinking of Fidel Castro. He is the Communist leader of Cuba; Castroff was his illegitimate Russian son born without testicles."

-Dan and Dylan Richey: "Really?"

-Mr. Popovich: "No, not really."

The Faculty Files*

By Dan Rosenblatt

Deep in Mr. Gioia's desk are MBA's files on the faculty. I was able to sneak a peek at these files. The name on the top of the file read Mr. Popo. (said with long o's) I at once realized there was no Mr. Popo at MBA. I pressed on. It described his hobbies, or should I say hobby. In bold black letters, it read **BASEBALL**. The file stated that he taught at Nashville Tech before MBA.

Next was a mental evaluation. The file stated he was a great guy although he had some peculiar habits such as carrying around a baseball bat during class. His favorite saying is "If this is torture then chain me to the



Wash me!

wall!" It also stated that he thought the PSAT was not fair and every time he made this statement, he would perform a

pensive face contortion. He has an extensive Native American vocabulary including such words as "squaw." He is also prone to injury, or so he said during his interview.

The file mentioned his knack for throwing sunflower seeds. Last, the file stated his obsession with blue

pens. The odd obsession interested me. Why would he only allow his students to sign the pledge in blue ink? I asked myself, what the



Here comes the Popo!

@#%^* is so important about blue pens? I spotted his parking lot number on the bottom of the page, but class was calling

After class, I decided to find his car. There



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it was a nice, shiny red Eagle Talon. I thought to myself "What a great car!" :) Then I thought back to the original problem. Who is this teacher walking among us? Only time will tell.

A further warning to all teachers and other faculty: Watch behind you; lock your doors; keep your secrets safe. Try your hardest, but you may never escape the Faculty Files.

* May or may not be complete h.s.

LANEY '99



Has anyone read Into Thin Air?



We Attack at Dawn.



Oooops, we dropped him!!



You can tell Dr. Marro teaches Science, not grammar.



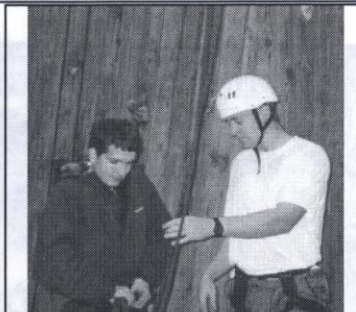
Jack climbs the beanstalk



Cap'n Break-Dance



When's lunch?



I'm down with climbing. I'm all about climbing

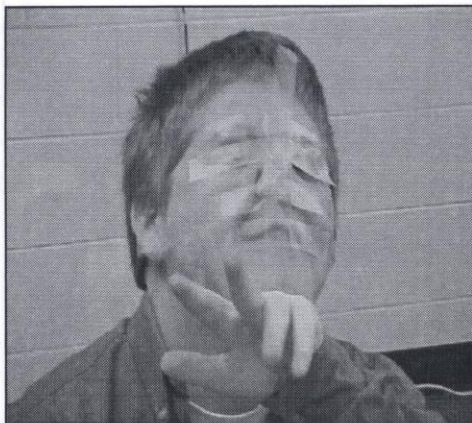
RANDOM SHOTS



*Seventh Grade Theater: A Dopey Fairy Tale
Featuring: Komisar, Thomas, Hahnsfeldt, Brier- Braxton,
Chapman, Victor, Bundy, Turk, Christie, and Lundy*



Fencing champs: All we need now is Catherine Zeta Jones.



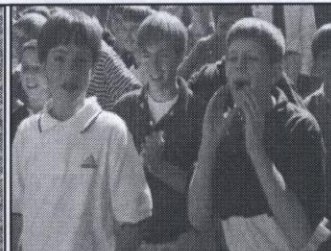
We don't know him!



*New Kids On The Hill: Alston Williamson, Pat Whitworth, Tim Stanton,
Matthew Eaves, Andrew Thompson, Logan Knox, Jack Davis, Jesse
Richards, Zane Owens*



In Rod We Trust



Microbes in the front: Tucker, String-fellow, Woolsey

SPORTS

Miracles of Puberty

By Matt Smith and Sam Macdonald

This year, thanks to the miracles of puberty and excellent coaching the 8th grade football was much improved from its previous season. The year started off strong against Grassland Middle with an 26-14 win. Scott Hagan was made the first gimp of the season with a torn meniscus. Scott now holds the land speed record for a 14-year-old boy on crutches. The Big Red's next game was against last year's undefeated district champions, the Woodland Warriors. As Coach McGugin said, "I hope their football is better than their trumpet player!" The trumpet player was awful, and we made their football team look worse, holding them to only one touchdown in the first quarter in a 22-8 victory. We lost 12-6 to the Ensworth Tigers after playing horribly. Rallying against Goodpasture (a relatively soft team), the Big Red shut them out 22-nihil (a little Latin lesson for you scholar-athletes). Gimp Check: Gimp #2, a.k.a. "Sally" Pettus broke his collar-bone



Gift, The Ultimate Waterboy

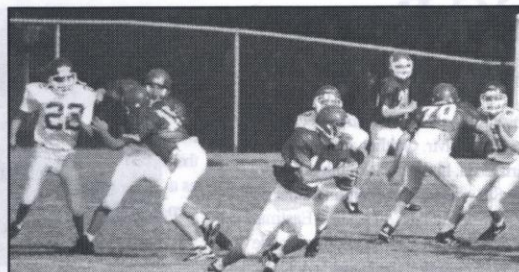
and was added to the list. Next, the Red slaughtered St. Edward's 38-12. As Mr. Popovich put it, "All I know is that there was a time in that game when we (the Red) had six plays from scrimmage and three touchdowns." Gimp Check: Trey Fuller injured his leg and was added to the list as G3. The following game was against the

BGA Wildcats. This grueling competition was ended in the last five seconds with a score by BGA, taking the lead to beat us 20-14. David Harper showed his loyalty by saying, "I'm with the Red team," after he was asked by the referee where he was. Also, we would like to congratulate David on his outstanding performance on the quiz when he correctly answered what day it was. Double Gimp Check: David Harper (G4), with a concussion, and Chandler Tygard (G5), with a strained MCL. Both were added to the list. Following the Red's tragic loss, we prepared for our rival, Brentwood Academy. All week we heard from our outstanding coaches, "WE ARE GONNA BEAT BA!" Add these men to your list of prophets, as the Red romped BA in a 14-7 victory. The final game of the season was against the BMS Vikings in the Big Red Bowl. The Big Red overcame a 6-6 tie at halftime and finally ended the season with a win, MBA 20 to BMS 6. We'd like to thank our coaches, Coach Henderson, Brooks, both McGugins, John Thompson, and Maddux. Also, we'd like to thank the great motivational speeches by James "Tadpole" Dade, with great sayings like, "guys we're gonna go out there and @#%\$**!" and, "tomorrow, we gotta play emotional and #%&*!"

Coaching quotes included: "Don't be Tarzan and don't be Jane,"



Tadpole and Santi are puzzled why David is running to the wrong endzone



Smith, Harper, Fisher, Pettus, and Shepherd all working toward a score

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'We are Tiger Woods'

By Alex Shofner



Cynn, Wieck, Crumbo, Patton, Whites, Davis

Everything must have a first time, a first season, a first year. Putting it mildly, the first season of Microbe golf was slightly under par. The season was very short; we had a total of three dual tournaments in the space of thirty days. Our win/loss record at the end of the

season was one and two, very close to a winning season, or a losing season, depending on how you slice it. We played such teams as Ensworth, Franklin Road Academy, and Harding Academy.

Through the season, Steven Dahl and Mack Keith led the team, but in the final tournament, all of us were very

close, shooting in the mid-forties. Unfortunately, we did not come home with a trophy, or even a claim of the top four, placing fifth out of only about eight teams. Even a Harpeth Hall girl, Emmie Powell, beat all of our scores. (ARG! Not a fairway to end the season!) We won't fall into that trap again. I'm sure we'll iron out the rough spots and make the other teams green with envy. Knock on woods.

A pat on the back to the microbe golf team, comprised of Stephen Dahl, Mac Keith, Jed Crumbo, Alex Shofner, Jack Davis, Stephen Wieck, John Patten, Chris Cynn, Lee & Webb White, and thanks to our coach, Haywood Moxley.

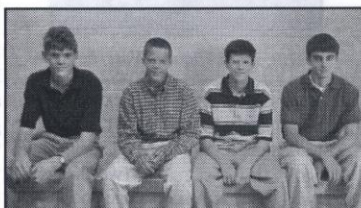
Bowl Victory

By Preston Adams & Kyle Mayo

7th grade football was a huge success this season. With an outstanding record of 2-5, this football team was unstoppable. With the combined tail backing skills of Preston "won't hit the holes" Adams and Richard "where are the

women" Greathouse, the running game was a great success. Starting quarterback Ryan "MacLaughlin" Burns was taken out

of play the last part of the season due to a back injury. Richard Greathouse also spent some time on the sidelines due to a problem with his back. Throughout the season, a total of five touchdowns were scored. Two of these were scored by Preston Adams, one by Richard Greathouse, one by Hughes "too tall" Tipton, and the other off of an incredible interception by Bryant Hahnfeldt. Our last game against DCA was won due to an incredible defensive scheme thought up by Coach Jenkins.



Scorers for the Big Red: Hughes Tipton, Brian Hahnfeldt, Preston Adams, Richard Greathouse

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CC Posse

By Dylan Richey

That's right! The 1999 MBA Junior School Cross Country Team, coached by Mr. Gaither and Mrs. Christeson, had barrels of talent. From new 8th grader, Tim Stanton, to the new but amazingly fast 7th grader, Eastman Landry, the "CC" team was also made up of jets including "The Beast" (A.K.A. Andy Alsentzer), "Moe" Tate, Dylan Richey, and Charlie Pate. The Posse had many other key figures such as Cotton Clark and Bill Stringfellow (both 7th

graders). Why Cotton and Bill? Well,

8th grade runners would use them as a mental motivation. We 8th Graders would think, "I can't let a 7th grader beat me," and the 8th grader would give it a little more strength



Studs in training

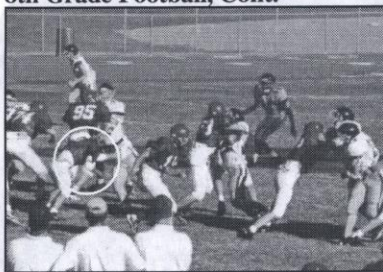
just to pass the 7th grader. The bizarre but

very key Ben Pote was also an important runner in the "Posse." Ben pointed out many places a runner might trip such as (according to Ben) the "pot holes" on the baseball field and the paint on the new track. Well anyway, Chuck Webb would always put forth his effort in stretching by making other runners feel bad because he would say if he could stretch with a rod in his femur (leg) that the others could.

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8th Grade Football, Cont.



The Headless Dade Strikes Again

Coach Maddux, "Hey Sam, I don't ever want to hear about you walking and chewing gum at the same time."-Coach Brooks, "Does your mom have a big butt?"-Coach McGugin, "KOBAN!!!! (now in a calm voice) Catch the football, son,"-Coach Henderson and, finally, "Coach Maddux, tell these guys about the time I was playing nose-guard and chased down the running back on the one yard line?"-Coach Brooks and then Coach Maddux, "Yeah, once Coach Brooks was playing nose-guard and he chased down the

running back on the one yard line."

Moving on to nicknames, they included: Flo Cheadle, Sally Pettus, Tadpole, GamesDay/GamesPlayer, Holy Moses, Santiago, and Truck Barnes (I believe this nickname is self-explanatory).

The offense was lead by Michael Fisher at

quarterback, Michael Koban, David Harper, Chandler Tygard, Justin Games, Scott Pettus, Wylie Jones, and Cole Bourland. The O-Line consisted of Matthew Barnes, Matt Smith, John Parker, Bill Brown, and Ryan Shepherd. On defense the team was lead by James "Tadpole" Dade, along with Matthew

Barnes, Sam Macdonald, Bill Brown, Matt Smith, Ryan Shepherd, John Parker, Chris Chenery, Tom Santi, Michael Koban, Justin Games, Michael Fisher, and David Harper. The defense was led in interceptions by Chris "Oskie" Lewis. The football team would also like to thank Dan Gift, our ever-faithful manager.



"Today, we went out, played emotional, and whipped some @\$\$"

*Season Record,
8th Grade Football 1999:
6 wins - 2 losses*

7th Grade Football, Cont.

Davis "the Freak" Martin led the defense with many amazing tackles. Our linebacker, Taylor "RATM" Gould,

was sidelined during the game due to... ANOTHER back injury. Our fullback, Ben "big mouth" Turk led the team in rushing yards during the big red bowl getting the team into scoring position

where our new quarterback, Brian Harris, threw a great pass to Hughes Tipton that gave us a lead of 6-0. We held that lead and came out to win the game 6-0 in The Big Red Bowl.

CC Posse, Cont.

How did a rod get in Chuck's leg? Well that's another story and I don't want to mention any names, Lee White.

During the season if you walked on the track or by it, **INTRAMURALERS**, you might have heard our outstanding new cheer, "CC POSSE... ON THE PROWL!" What does it mean? We aren't sure, but we do know that the "BIG RED" cheer was quickly diminishing in spirit, so we decided to make up a new one. We weren't confined only to replying "On the

Prowl!" but we also cheered things like "Nevin Spewed! Nemer, Shut up! Wear a tie! And Dead Sexy!" ANYWAY! On to bigger and more important things. CC runners are often taunted or called "Losers, Rejects, or Unathletic fools," BUT we weren't the "chick repellents" one might think. We had the High School football cheerleaders along with Miss Franks on our side of the fence the entire season. From bringing it in with us after a practice to cheering the runners on as we flew by, the cheerleaders were a **GREAT** support and motivation to the

runners. (Well most of them). In our season the '99 CC Posse ended up placing in a surprising 4th place, but with so much competition from USN and BA it was quite an accomplishment. Each of the runners was pleased due to the time he had shaved off his original time. As this year was Coach Gaither's last year coaching the Cross Country Team, we believe we did not let him down. Overall the 1999 season of Cross Country for the Junior School was a success.

ON THE PROWL!!!

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Theme Topics to Avoid

By Forrest Rich and Friends

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6. Burlap: The Brown Gold
7. Reasons Why *The Light in the Forest* is a good book
8. Reasons Why *The Light in the Forest* is a Horrible Book (because the theme would take ten years to write)
9. How to Make a Cat Eat its Own Legs
10. Why I Would Kill to Win a Nobel Peace Prize

Congratulations to the Class Reps of '99

7th Grade

Bourland	William Chapman Caldwell Tanner
Lundstrom	Jeffrey Glaser Lex Lechleiter
Seiters	Chris Gioia Nick Shockey
Steele	Alex Lamballe Jonathan Ray
Russ	Jed Crumbo Eastman Landry
Russell	Preston Adams Brock Baker
Wims	Kyle Mayo

8th Grade

Bernatavitz	James Dade Michael Koban
Brown	Matt Francis Chandler Tygard
Callen	Scott Pettus Matt Smith
Christeson	Christopher Schuller Arthur Kim Charles Webb
Popovich	Charlie Pate Ted Tywang
Speigl	Tom Santi Steven Vutsinas
Woolsey	Trey Fuller Dan Gift

DEEP THOUGHT

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.



Matt Smith, Alex Shofner, Ted Tywang, Charlie Pate, Rob Zelle, Christopher Schuller

NEWS FLASH:

Gullible is not in the dictionary.

Just ask Jack Davis, Matthew Naffilan, Gregory McCord, or Arthur Kim.

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